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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5409

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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SUBJ: SHUQAIRY FIRED

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1. EX-PLO CHAIRMAN AHMAD SHUQAIRY ANNOUNCED MAY 24
HE"UNABLE ACCEPT MISSION ASSIGNED TO HIM BY ARAB LEAGUE
SYG" TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT.
IN FACT, EGYPTIANS AND OTHERS HAD INSISTED SYG WITHDRAW
THE NOTE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISPATCHED TO ARAB CAPITALS
REQUESTING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR SHUQAIRY'S
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2. AHRAM ON MAY 14 SPECIFIED THAT IT WAS TUNISIAN
AMBASSADOR WHO RAISED SUBJECT IN AL MEETING, ASKING HOW
SYG COULD BELIEVE HE HAD RIGHT TO CHOOSE ENVOYS FOR
MISSIONS TO MEMBER STATES WHEN AL EXPERTS ALREADY AVAILABLE. DEMANDING TO KNOW WHAT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST

SUCH ENVOYS WHEN THEY DEPARTED FOR THEIR MISSION IN MANNER AFFECTING SOME OR ALL MEMBER STATES, TUNISIAN REPORTEDLY READ OUT AFP ACCOUNT OF RECENT EXTRANEOUS SHUQAIRY REMARKS (PERHAPS IN DAMASCUS - REF C). TUNISIAN OBJECTIONS WERE SUPPORTED BY AL REPS FROM EGYPT, SUDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. LATTER REPORTEDLY PARTICULARLY EXERCISED ABOUT "DEPARTRUE OF ENVOY FROM HIS MISSION IN MANNER WHICH WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY AT CRITICAL TIME".

3. COMMENT: RIAD'S "MISTAKE" NOW RETIFIED AND SHUQAIRY BACK TO HIS PREVIOUS MAJOR ACTIVITY; I.E., WADDLING SULLENLY AROUND THE GEZIRA CLUB IN CAIRO. EILTS

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